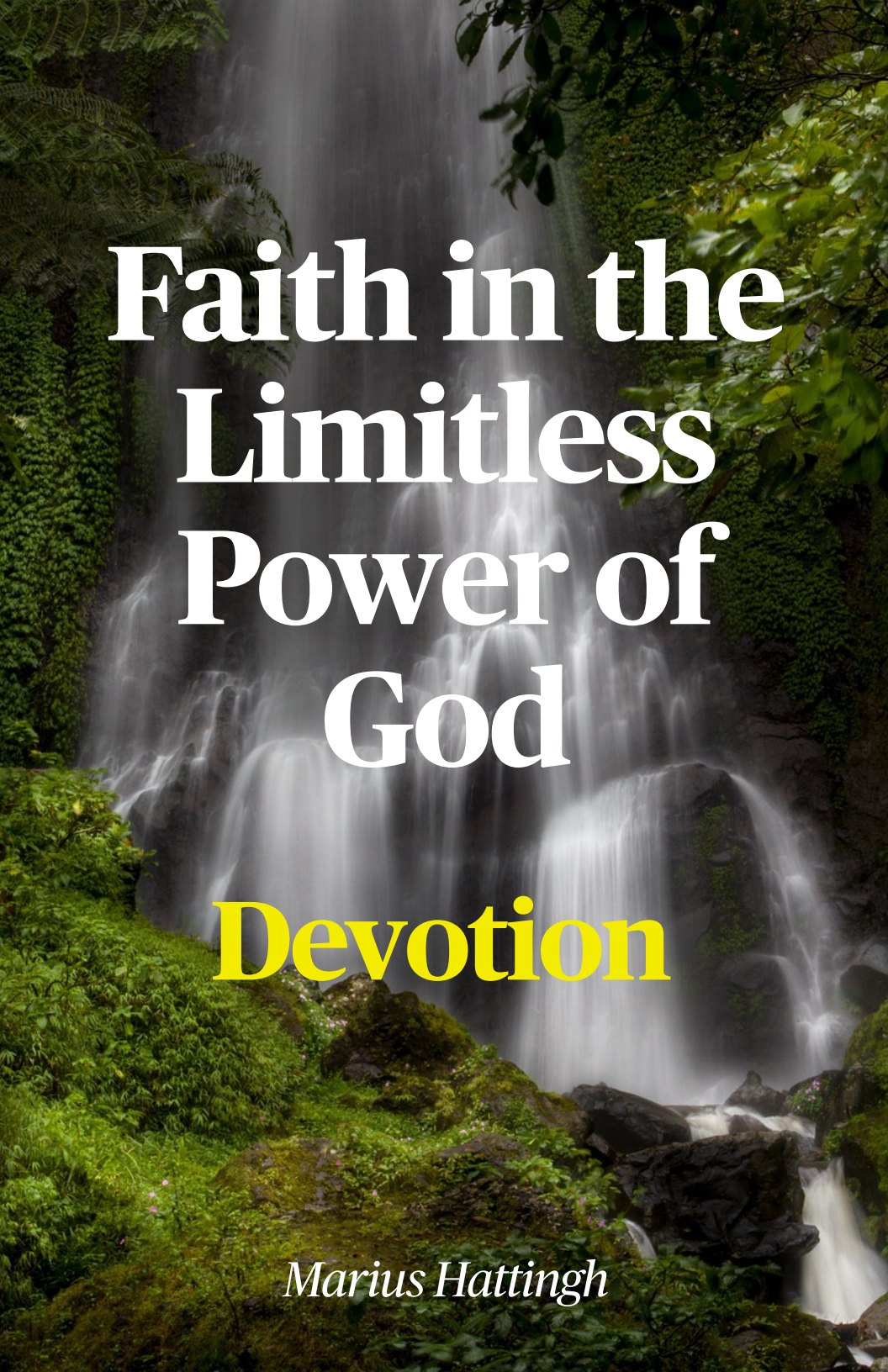
Faith in the Limitless Power of God
Devotion
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Scripture

Mark 9:23 - "Jesus said to him, 'If you can? All things are possible for one who believes.'"

Reflection

In Mark 9:23, Jesus responds to a father who, in desperation, asks if Jesus can heal his son. The father's uncertainty is evident in his question, “If you can?” Jesus’ reply echoes back with an almost gentle rebuke, “If you can? All things are possible for one who believes.” This moment isn't just about the healing of the boy—it's a profound lesson on the role of faith in experiencing God’s miraculous power.

The father, like many of us, struggles with doubt when faced with overwhelming circumstances. His

plea reveals a mixture of hope and uncertainty. However, Jesus redirects his focus, not on the potential of the situation, but on the power of God that is available through faith. This isn't just about intellectual belief or acknowledgment of God's power; it's about a deep, trust-filled reliance on God's goodness, power, and will.

Jesus' declaration that "all things are possible to him who believes" underscores the limitless nature of God's power. Faith in Jesus doesn't merely change our minds; it transforms our perspective. It moves us from focusing on the impossible to seeing God's potential, which is beyond anything we can humanly fathom.

In Hebrews 11:6, we read: "And without faith, it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that

he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Faith is not only the key to experiencing God's power but also the foundation of a relationship with Him. Without faith, we are left to navigate life based on our own limited understanding and abilities. Faith is the bridge between our doubts and God's power. It's important to recognize that Jesus does not ask for perfect faith, but for faith that is willing to trust in God's ability to act beyond human limitations.

Scripture Reflection

- Matthew 17:20 - "He replied, 'Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this

mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'"

This passage highlights that faith, even as small as a mustard seed, holds incredible potential when placed in God's hands. Our faith doesn't need to be large to see God's work—it just needs to be real and directed towards Him.

- John 14:12 - "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

Jesus invites us into a partnership with Him. Belief in Jesus enables us to not only witness His work but also participate in the unfolding of God's kingdom on earth, doing even greater things by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Application

- What does faith look like in your life? Is there an area where you are struggling to believe in God's power to intervene? It's easy to focus on our doubts and limitations, but Jesus calls us to focus on His limitless capacity.
- Pray through your doubts: Take a moment to bring your fears and uncertainties before God. Ask Him to help you believe in His ability to do the impossible in your life. As the father said in Mark 9:24, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Jesus meets us in our honesty and helps us grow in faith.
- Trust in God's timing and power: It's easy to feel discouraged when we don't see immediate answers to our prayers. But God's power is not

bound by our timeline. Trust that He is at work, even when we cannot see it.